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1. Argentine Senator Alberto Teisaire is expected at any time to resign his position as President of the Superior Council of the Peronista Party. Teisaire has been subjected to criticism ever since the Salta disturbance. His position has become even more precarious as a result of the recent Peronista setbacks in Catamarca and Santa Fe where the Peronistas lost numerous votes even though they won the elections. Colonel Domingo A. Mercante, Governor of Buenos Aires Province who has been leading the attack on Teisaire, charges that the loss of Peronista votes in the recent provincial elections was attributable to poor direction on the part of Teisaire.
2. Among influential Peronistas being considered for the post now occupied by Teisaire are Dr. Hector J. Campora, President of the Chamber of Deputies, and Senator Alejandro Giavarini of the Province of Santa Fe.
3. President Peron recently ordered the removal from the Senate of Juan Carlos Basaldua and Ricardo Octavio Lorenzon, the two Peronista senators from the Province of Entre Rios who were elected in December 1948. Peron was forced to rescind the order, however, as a result of protests made by Peronista militants of Entre Rios and by Senate members, especially Peronista Senator Vicente Leonides Saadi. This most recent controversy is expected to cause a serious rift in the Peronista bloc in the Senate.
4. Although seven recently elected senators are completely subservient to the Casa Rosada, some other Peronista members, sympathetic toward Vice President Hortensio Quijano, have not decided on their course of action.

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